



# Franklin County Conservation District Newsletter



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## Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District

### Board of Supervisors

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

## 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Dinner Will Be Served at 6:30 p.m.

Outstanding Farmer  
Awards

Poster Contest

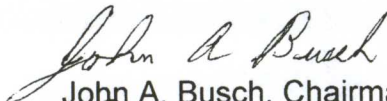
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Highway 50 & Clearview Drive  
Union, MO

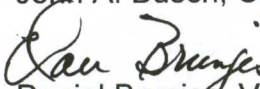
Entertainment

Attendance Prizes

No Reservations Are Necessary!

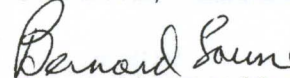
Supervisor elections to be held at the office 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. and at the KC Hall 6-6:30 p.m.

  
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Daniel Brunjes, Vice-Chairman

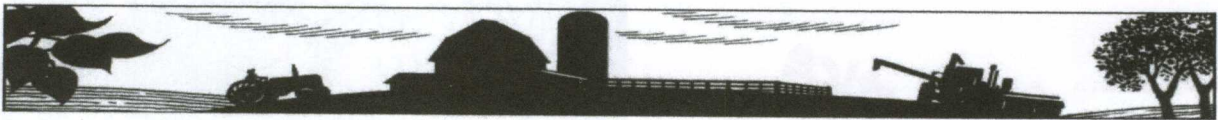


Carl Danz, Treasurer

  
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## **PUT THE PARKS, SOILS AND WATER SALES TAX TO WORK FOR YOU THROUGH THE FCSWCD**

Through the 114 local soil and water conservation districts, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Soil and Water Conservation Program provides financial incentives to landowners to implement conservation practices that help prevent soil erosion and protect water resources. Conservation practices can save you time and money and increase your farm's production while protecting the overall natural environment of the state. A few examples of how these practices can benefit you: Keep your valuable topsoil, Get the best use of your soil and water resources, Install a rotational grazing system benefiting your livestock, water resources, land and time, Recycle animal waste for use on agricultural land, and Protect your groundwater. By promoting good farming techniques that help keep soil on the fields and waters clean, the program helps conserve the productivity of Missouri's working lands.

The Soil and Water Conservation Program is funded by the one-tenth-of-one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax approved by voters. Those funds are administered through the local soil and water conservation districts – here in Franklin County, it is the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District (FCSWCD). Cost Share is provided for up to 75 percent of the estimated State average implementation cost of the practice. Reimbursement will be received after the practice has gone through the certification process. Funding is allocated into 7 resource concerns: Sheet & Rill and Gully Erosion, Grazing Management, Sensitive Areas, Woodland Erosion, Nutrient and Pest Management, Irrigation Management and Animal Waste Management. Contact the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District to get started in protecting your property's natural resources through one of the available State Cost Share practices.

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### **New Quail Focus Area in Western Franklin County**

Over the past several months, the Missouri Department of Conservation and its partners, including Quail Forever, have been working on the new State Quail Plan that will guide quail and habitat management in our state for the next ten years. Part of this new plan is included evaluating the progress of the current focus areas around the state and deciding if we wanted to add or remove any focus areas. With the help and support of the local Missouri River Valley Chapter of Quail Forever, we thought the opportunity was prime for creating a new quail focus area (QFA) in this county. The Boeuf-Bourbeuse Valley QFA consists of the part of the county that lies west of HWY 185 and south of HWY 100. This expansive area was once rolling hills covered in grassland, savannah, and open woodland habitat that contained large populations of wildlife. These past habitat types are still evident today, albeit hidden beneath 50 years of unregulated growth of trees. This area is still home to most of the quail in the county, and with a little work, could be a thriving example of the quail populations we used to see. We plan to kick off the introduction of this new QFA this year with several meetings and workshops to be held in the area. With the help of local non-profit organizations like Quail Forever and the Missouri Department of Conservation, we plan to put lots of money into helping landowners create or improve the habitat on their own land in the years to come. Funds are still available for spring habitat practices. If you are interested in looking at your property for quail habitat, or just want to get involved with helping this new QFA get off the ground, contact me anytime!

Ryan Diener, Quail Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist  
cell# 636-399-8733, office# 636-583-2303 ext 113

# Conservation Practice at Work

By Stephen Sparks, District Technician



In the Labadie area, one landowner had an erosion issue where there were 2 gullies with a depth of 20ft and a length 100ft. These gullies were forking out into smaller gullies where they have been slowly creeping into crop field. The landowner had used other measures of slowing down water by putting round bales and brush into gullies, in hopes that the erosion will be controlled. The runoff drains from 20 acres of the farm and was constantly cutting a new path by eroding around or underneath the landowner's attempts to control the erosion.

Erosion was estimated at 85 tons of soil loss per year at this site. We were able to offer a multiple practices to help with the erosion, but in the end the landowner decided to go with WASCOD (Water and Sediment Control Basin). He did not



want to lose any more of his crop land than he already had. A WASCOD is a grass dam that holds water back like a pond but has an inlet pipe at the bottom of dam. The pipe slowly releases the water out allowing the WASCOD to collect soil that is being carried by water. A waterway was also installed that carries the water to the WASCOD.



## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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*The Franklin County Conservation District was organized in 1944 with a primary objective to solve soil and water conservation problems. The District, upon request, aids in planning and applying appropriate land use and conservation treatment measures.*

## **OFFICE STAFF PERSONNEL**

**Lori Nowak, District Clerk, FCSWCD**  
**Stephen Sparks, District Technician, FCSWCD**

**Rhonda Davault, District Conservationist, NRCS**  
**Kervin Bryant, Soil Conservationist, NRCS**  
**Teresa Morris, Soil Conservationist, NRCS**  
**Jerry Busch, Area Soil Technician, NRCS**

**Lia Heppermann, Private Land Conservationist, MDC**  
**Ryan Diener, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist**

# NOMINATED CANDIDATES ANNOUNCEMENT

## FRANKLIN COUNTY SWCD BOARD ELECTION

Let it be known that the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election for one supervisor in each of two different territories in the county. Territory II includes St. Johns, Union and Central Townships and Territory IV includes Boeuf and Lyon Townships. The election will take place on March 20, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District Office, USDA Service Center Building in Union and 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Union. If you need directions, you can call the district at 636-583-2303 extension 3.

Each landowner in the district is allowed one vote per area. Please present at least one form of photo identification to vote.

Nominating committees for the election have submitted names of the following qualified candidates:

### Territory II (Townships: St. Johns, Union and Central)

Cheryl Atterberry, Central Township  
John Helling, Central Township  
Roger Koch, St. Johns Township

### Territory IV (Townships: Boeuf and Lyon)

Darrel Barrett, Lyon Township  
Bernard Laune, Boeuf Township – incumbent

Any landowner that was not nominated by the nominating committee may have their name added to the ballot, if they reside in one of the two territories where an election is to be held. They must meet the qualifications to be a board supervisor and have secured a petition of at least ten (10) signatures of land representatives in the territory they wish to represent. The petition must be submitted to the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, at least ten (10) days before the election date listed above.

Supervisors manage the administration of district policies and programs, as well as district personnel and funds. The district is supported by the one-tenth-of-one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax. For additional information on the district election, contact the district office at:

**FRANKLIN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
1004 Vondera Avenue, Union, MO 63084, 636-583-2303 ext. 3, [lori.nowak@swcd.mo.gov](mailto:lori.nowak@swcd.mo.gov)

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### **Territory(Area) II**

**Cheryl Atterberry:** Cheryl and her husband, Gene live in the St. Clair area. They own and manage Rockin Horse Ranch, an equestrian boarding farm which uses a rotational grazing system. Cheryl is a retired 4<sup>th</sup> grade school teacher. And in 2012, they won the Outstanding Farmer Award for being very active in protecting and practicing good conservation. Cheryl loves to be outdoors and applying her knowledge to protect her natural resources.

**John Helling:** John and his wife, Sharon live in the Union area. John is a Farm Bureau Board member and part of the FFA alumni. John has a diversified row cropping operation and assists with the family livestock operation. John is always looking out for the family farm and is proactive in applying good conservation practices.

**Roger Koch:** Roger and his wife, Doris live in the Washington area. They own and operate a livestock operation on their farm and rented farms. Roger is a member of the Cattleman's Association and Farm Bureau. Roger has recently retired after 41 years with the Washington Special Road District and he was a 4-H leader for 26 years. Roger utilizes a management intensive rotational grazing system on the farms to protect their natural resources and to provide adequate resources for the livestock and wildlife.

### **Territory(Area) IV**

**Darrel Barrett:** Darrel and his wife, Christine live in the Campbellton area. Their farming operation consists of livestock and row cropping. Darrel is currently retired from John Hall Lumber but continues to work for United Mutual Insurance. Also, Darrel served on the Washington Fair Board for many years. Darrel implements conservation practices to help protect the soil and water on the farm which provides a well-protected environment for the farm's wildlife.

**Bernard Laune:** Bernard and his wife, Kathy live in the New Haven area. Row crops are grown on the farm. Bernard has served as an Area IV Supervisor for eight years. Bernard is retired from MFA Oil and auctioneering. He continues to drive a school bus for Franklin County R-2. Bernard is very active in protecting natural resources from harm so that healthy soil is available for family and future generations to enjoy.



**Pond Management Workshop –  
March 12, 2014**

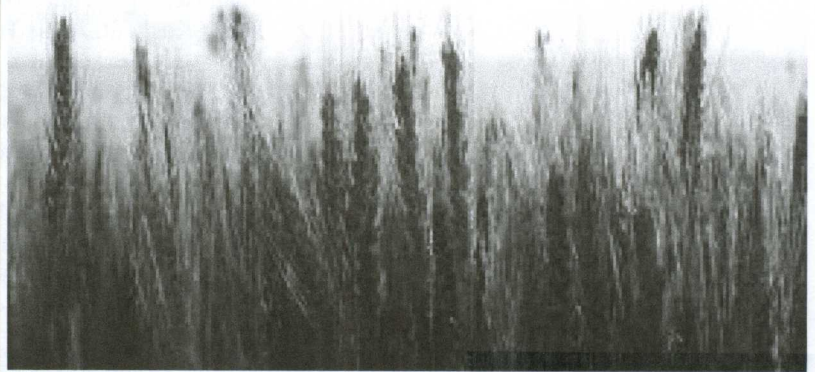
The Missouri Department of Conservation will host a pond management workshop on Wednesday, March 12, from 6:30 – 9 pm at the Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray Summit (Adlyne Freund Center building). Workshop topics will include fish stocking and management, aquatic vegetation control, watershed and wildlife management. Light refreshments will be provided. The workshop is free but space is limited. To register please call Lia Heppermann at 636-583-2303, ext. 115.

**COVER CROP SEMINAR/FIELD VISIT**

**MARCH 12, 2014 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Labadie, MO**

**Topics to be covered: Species Selection, Termination of Cover Crop, Soil Properties, Programs, Landowner discussion, and In Field Site Visit. Dress for the weather. Refreshments will be provided.**

**RSVP by March 5, 2014**  
**Stephen Sparks 636-583-2303 ext. 112**  
**Directions will be provided upon registration.**



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## Area IV - Carl Farms



Our Area IV Outstanding Farmer award goes to Carl Farms in Berger. Joy Carl and his nephew Wayne and Sandy Carl operate over 1,000 acres – some owned and some rented. The Carl Family came to the US from Germany and purchased some of this ground over 100 years ago.

Due to flooding and the lack of feed, the dairy operation of 95 Brown Swiss had to be sold. And prior to 1989, the family farm had swine. The family farm is now a beef and row crop operation. Currently about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the acreage is pasture and hay land while the remaining is in row crops. Corn, wheat, and beans are rotated throughout the cropping acreage. Several ponds, waterways and terraces have been installed through the State Cost Share program to help slow down the eroding issues. Carl Farms is on the waiting list to install an animal waste system, pond and waterway during our next fiscal year.

Joy enjoys working around the farm. He also served on the FSA County Committee for 11 years from 1961 - 1972. Both Joy and Wayne belong to the New Haven/Berger Fire Department. Wayne has been the Fire Chief for the last 4 years. Wayne and his wife Sandy have 2 children and they also are involved in protecting our natural resources. Wayne enjoys deer, turkey and duck hunting and fishing in his spare time.

Congratulations to Carl Farms and keep protecting our natural resources!



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## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 11, 2014  
SWCD Regular Board Meeting  
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center

Thursday, March 20, 2014  
Annual Meeting  
6:30 p.m., KC Hall in Union

Tuesday, April 8, 2014  
SWCD Regular Board Meeting  
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center

Tuesday, May 13, 2014  
SWCD Regular Board Meeting  
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center

Monday, May 26, 2014  
USDA Service Center closed  
Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, June 10, 2014  
SWCD Regular Board Meeting  
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center

Call to confirm meeting date and times. All regular meetings are open to the public.



## Quarterly Quote

*"We might say that the earth has the spirit of growth;  
that its flesh is the soil."*

—Leonardo da Vinci

# THANK YOU

The District Board appreciates the cooperation of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter and hope that our readers patronize these advertisers. The Board especially appreciates the financial assistance of the Franklin County Commission. Thanks also to our partners in conservation: NRCS, FSA, DNR, University Extension, MDC, Quail Forever. Assistance from the Soil and Water Conservation District is available to all county residents regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, gender identity, reprisal, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation or individual's income. State Cost-Share funds are available for agriculture landowners that have active erosion and are approved to complete practices that solve the erosion problem and for practices that protect our water quality.